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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2851 ✓

Application No.: 09/779,686

Examiner: A. Mathews

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AMENDMENT IN REISSUE APPLICATION

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In reply to the April 22, 2003 Office Action, please amend the above-identified reissue application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 42-49 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

REMARKS

Claims 35-37, 39-41 and 50 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 42-49 are cancelled.

I. Supplemental Reissue Declaration

A supplemental Reissue Declaration, referring to the amendments made herein, is currently being executed by the inventor, and will be submitted in the near future.

II. Surrender of Letters Patent

The attached letter indicates that the original Letters Patent was surrendered in the parent reissue Application No. 08/994,758. If any other documentation regarding surrender of the original Letters Patent is required, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney by telephone.

III. All Pending Claims are in Condition for Allowance

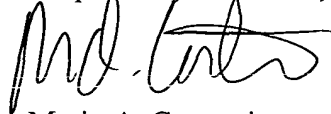
Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 35-37, 39-41 and 50. By this Amendment, the rejected claims 42-49 have been cancelled. Accordingly, the rejections of claims 42-49 are moot, and this application is in condition for allowance.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe anything further would be desirable to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment:

Letter Regarding Surrender of Original Letters Patent

Date: June 30, 2003

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